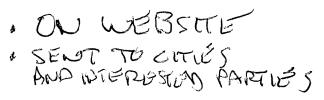
## LINN COUNTY



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## **Transportation Services for Linn County Residents**

November 30, 2020

Applications for Linn County Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) Formula Funds are Due by 5:00pm Monday December 14, 2020

Funding is available from ODOT Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) Formula Fund program to improve or expand public transportation services.

The Legislative Assembly, with the passage of HB 2017 (the 2017 comprehensive transportation funding bill) established a one-tenth of 1% employee payroll tax dedicated to public transportation. 90% of the revenue is allocated, by formula, to counties, transit districts and Native American tribes for allocation to public transportation service providers. 5% is allocated to a statewide competitive discretionary grant program. 4% is allocated to a statewide competitive grant program for intercommunity transportation services. 1% is allocated to ODOT for administration and for technical assistance to rural communities.

The published estimated formula fund allocation to Linn County for the 2021-2023 is approximately \$3.5 million. No local match is required for formula funds; but a local match is required for statewide competitive grants.

"Public transportation service providers" (a city, county, special district, Native American tribe, intergovernmental entity or any other political subdivision or municipal or public corporation that provides public transportation services) are eligible to apply for/receive STIF funds. Nonprofit and for-profit transit providers are not eligible. However, eligible applicants may contract with a non-profit or for-profit entity to provide transportation services under an approved grant.

Eligible projects funded through Linn County STIF formula funds will expand or improve public transit services within one or between communities inside and adjacent to Linn County.

HB 2017 and Oregon Administrative Rules place a high priority on transportation projects which serve areas with a high concentration of low-income households. Low- income households are those with an annual income of 200% or less of the current federal poverty limit. The statewide average of low-income households is 34%. 38% of Linn County households are reported by the U.S. Census Bureau to have an annual income of 200% or less of the current federal poverty level.

Other HB 2017 and OAR priorities include improving the frequency and reliability of service connections between communities, fostering coordination to reduce fragmentation of transportation services and projects that expand transit services for students in grades 9 through 12.

The Linn County Board of Commissioners will allocate and help ODOT administer STIF funds with the assistance and recommendations of the Linn County Transportation Advisory Committee (the long-standing TAC meets the OAR requirements of the STIF Advisory Committee).

Applicants for Linn County STIF formula funds must complete an application form and submit it to the Special/Rural Transportation Coordinator by 5:00 Monday, December 14, 2020. Applicants will be requested to make a presentation to the Linn County TAC on December 29 at 1:30pm. The Committee will evaluate eligible projects and make allocation recommendations to the Linn County Board of Commissioners for its consideration on its regularly scheduled meeting of January 12. Linn County will them develop a potential STIF Plan (application). The STIF Plan will be reviewed by the Linn County TAC which will forward a recommendation regarding the STIF Plan to the Board of Commissioners. The Board of Commissioners will thereafter forward the Linn County STIF Plan to the Oregon Department of Transportation for review by ODOT staff and the ODOT Public Transit Advisory Committee before it is submitted for action by the Oregon Transportation Commission.

Copies of the project application packet, and questions about the packet or process may be addressed to Mark Volmert, Linn County Special/Rural Transportation Coordinator, mvolmert@co.linn.or.us, 541-231-8903.

STIF information is also available at ODOT's website

https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/RPTD/Pages/Funding-Opportunities.aspx

Linn County Seal

# Applications Available For Linn County Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund 2021-2023

Funding from the Oregon Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) Formula Fund Program is available for the planning, development, operation and administration of public transportation programs. In this funding cycle the money is primarily intended to expand or improve public transportation services; as well as maintain services expanded in the 2018-2021 STIF cycle. The program is funded through a one-tenth of 1% employee payroll tax. Funding is generally limited to public transportation service providers.

STIF project applications must be received by the Linn County Special/Rural Transportation Coordinator by 5:00 pm on Monday, December 14, 2020. For additional information contact Mark Volmert, Special/Rural Transportation Coordinator, at (541) 231-8903 or e-mail <a href="mailto:mvolmert@co.linn.or.us">mvolmert@co.linn.or.us</a>.

Applications will be reviewed by the Linn County Transportation Advisory Committee at 1:30 pm on Tuesday December 29, 2020. The Linn County Board of Commissioners will make final decisions regarding prioritization and funding of project applications at 9:35 am on Tuesday January 5 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Linn County Courthouse.

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Contact person:

Mark Volmert, Linn County Special/Rural Transportation Coordinator mvolmert@co.linn.or.us (541) 231-8903

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Linn County Board of Commissioners (STF Program)

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